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MEMORANDUM FOR: Admiral D. B. Duncan  
Vice Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of the Navy

SUBJECT : Studies of "Brainwashing"

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 22 June in which you acknowledge receipt of the CIA study, "Brainwashing from a Psychological Viewpoint." As you requested, I am enclosing six additional copies for your staff use.

2. I share your concern over the threat to U. S. personnel posed by Communist brainwashing techniques. Because of the many problems raised by the use of these techniques, I hesitate to call any of our reports "final". However, I am sending with this memorandum six copies of our latest study in this field, "Communist Control Techniques."

3. I should also like to bring to your attention the enclosed OCB status report on information available concerning treatment of prisoners of war by the Communists, a useful guide to recent studies in this field.

4. It is gratifying to know of your interest and to have your offer of Navy cooperation in our continuing investigations. I shall certainly make available to you any additional reports resulting from our studies in the field of brainwashing.

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

Enclosures:

Brainwashing from A Psychological Viewpoint (6)  
Communist Control Techniques (6)  
OCB Status Report dated 28 June 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: "Brainwashing from a Psychological Viewpoint"

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The CIA study "Brainwashing from a Psychological Viewpoint" which you forwarded to me is an extremely interesting work. I note that it is not final but is a report of progress to date. When the final report is printed, the Navy would very much appreciate an opportunity to study it. We also would appreciate receiving six more copies of the present study and an equal number of the final one if these could be provided.

"Brainwashing" for purposes of extracting false "confessions" and for ideological conversion is a very serious threat. Our personnel, particularly aviators and members of air crews, may have to face this psychological weapon in the event of another war. Some may even have to face it should they stray into, become lost, or be detained in Communist bloc countries in time of peace. Therefore, I am personally interested in all information available in this field and certain members of my staff are trying to keep abreast of the results of all known research projects bearing on this problem. For this reason your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the CIA study is very much appreciated.

If the Navy can be of help to you in connection with these investigations, be assured that we will make every effort to cooperate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

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4 to 5. We feel it is appropriate to pass this request for action on to you. Suggest copies of "Communist Control Techniques" also be sent. For any required assistance from us, please contact [redacted]

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